

New Opportunities in the Gulf: Creating Business to Business Linkages Forum

July 24 - 25, 2006

Imperial Palace Hotel, Biloxi, MS

Monday, July 24, 2006:

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

Tuesday, July 25, 2006:

7:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:00 a.m. - **WELCOME REMARKS**

Ronald N. Langston, National Director - U. S. Department of Commerce, MBDA
Donna J. Gambrell, Regional Director - Office of the Federal Coordinator for Gulf Coast Recovery
Dr. Gavin Smith, Mississippi Governors Commission on Recovery (Housing) (TBD)
Richard Speights, Director - MS Development Authority, Minority & Small Business Development
Judith Roussel, Sr. Executive for Gulf Coast Recovery - U.S. Small Business Administration
Daryl Williams, Director of Minority Entrepreneurship for the Kauffman Foundation and National Director of the Urban Entrepreneur Partnership

8:30 a.m. - **Joint Ventures and Mentor Protégé Agreements**

Alice A. Doss, Contracting Officer - MS District Office, U.S. Small Business Administration

8:45 a.m. - **Bonding and Licensing**

9:15 a.m. - **Gulf Opportunity Zone Incentives**

9:30 a.m. - **Break**

10:00 a.m. **PUBLIC-PRIVATE AGENCIES CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES:**

Moderator: Jay Brandes, Director of Hurricane Contracting Information Center - USDOC

Army, Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, HUD, City of Biloxi, NASA-Stennis Space Center, Northrop Grumman, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, United States Air Force, Bechtel, MS Power and Memorial Hospital at Gulfport, Mississippi Procurement Technical Assistance Programs, Local Housing Authorities, Mississippi Space Services, City of Picayune, Naval Construction Battalion Center, Jackson County, Harrison County, City of Gulfport, Hancock County, City of Waveland, City of Bay St. Louis, Pearl River, Port Authority - (All Invited)

12:00 noon **Lunch & Individual Presentations by the companies recruited outside the Gulf
(30 second elevator pitch on firm's profile and core competencies)**

Joann J. Hill, Chief, Business Development Group - MBDA Atlanta NEC

2:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

John F. Iglehart, Regional Director - Dallas NEC & Acting Regional Director - Atlanta NEC
Ronald N. Langston, National Director

2:10 p.m. **Networking and interaction between the large firms and 8A firms in the Gulf**

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